

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1, 2, 5-19, and 21-23 are pending and at issue in the present application. Claims 9 and 10 have been allowed, claims 4 and 20 have been cancelled, and claims 22 and 23 have been added by this amendment. Support for new claims 22 and 23 can be found at least on page 4, lines 3-4, page 7, lines 19-21, and in FIGS. 1-3, 5, 7, 9, 11, and 12. Applicant respectfully submits that no new matter has been added by way of this amendment.

As an initial matter, a "Brief Summary of the Invention" has been submitted as per the examiner's indication of the requirement set forth in 37 CFR 1.73. This amendment does not add new matter to the specification.

Applicant thanks the examiner for indicating that claim 9 and 10 are allowable and that claims 4-8, 11, 12, 18, and 20 are allowable if rewritten in independent form and incorporating all of the limitations of the base claim. Accordingly, claim 1 has been rewritten to incorporate all of the elements of claim 4, and claim 17 has been rewritten to incorporate all the elements of claim 20. As a result, reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections of and objections to claims 2, 5-8, 11-16, 21, and 22, which dependent directly or indirectly on claim 1, and claim 17 and claims 18, 19, and 23 dependent directly therefrom and allowance thereof are respectfully requested.

Applicant traverses the rejection of claims 1, 2, 13, 14, 16, and 21 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as anticipated by Yurdin. The claims have been amended to clarify the invention. Reconsideration and withdrawal of this rejection are requested.

Applicant further traverse the rejection of claim 17 and 19 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as anticipated by Yurdin. The claims have been amended to clarify the invention and reconsideration and withdrawal of this rejection are requested.

Applicants further traverse the rejection of claim 15 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as unpatentable over Yurdin. Claim 15 depends indirectly from independent claim 1. Because independent claim 1 is now allowable, it follows that claim 15 which depends indirectly therefrom is now allowable over the cited art. Therefore, reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection of claim 15 are respectfully requested.

Because none of the cited references individually discloses every element of the claims at issue, it follows that such claims are not anticipated thereby. Further, because the cited art does not disclose a suggestion of an incentive to make the claimed combination, it follows that the claims at issue are not obvious thereover. The cited art must disclose at least a suggestion of an incentive for the claimed combination of elements in order for a *prima facie* case of obviousness to be established. *See M.P.E.P. §2143.01*. Still further, because independent claims 1 and 17 are not disclosed or suggested by the cited references, it stands that any claim dependent on independent claims 1 and 17 is not disclosed or suggested by the cited references.

For the foregoing reasons, reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections of the claims at issue and allowance thereof are respectfully requested.

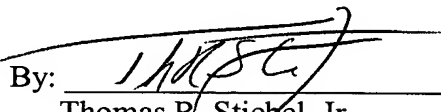
Deposit Account Authorization

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees which may be required during the pendency of this application under 37 CFR 1.16 or 1.17, except issue fees, to Deposit Account No. 50-1903.

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